

Exercise 2.4(Past Perfect Continuous Tense)

1. Fill in the blanks to complete the sentences. Use the words given in boxes.

- (i) He (play) _____ chess since 7 O'clock.
- (ii) You (wait) _____ for 2 hours.
- (iii) We (try) _____ to open the door for 5 minutes.
- (iv) It (rain) _____ hard for 3 hours.
- (v) He friends (think) _____ of calling the police when she walked in.
- (vi) They (talk) _____ for an over an hour.
- (vii) She (work) _____ at that company for three years.
- (viii) He (jog) _____ for an hour.
- (ix) Peter (overeate) _____ for 4 years, that is why he is so fat.
- (x) He (exercise) _____ for an hour.
- (xi) I (study) _____ all day, so I was tired.

2. Change the following sentences into negative form.

- (i) They had been playing cricket since morning.
- (ii) He had been playing saxophone in a jazz band.
- (iii) It had been drizzling for two days.
- (iv) We had been waiting long when a waitress came up to us.
- (v) She had been teaching in this school for five years.
- (vi) The three of us had been studying for hours.
- (vii) You had been watching television for four hours.
- (viii) I had been living in this house since 2001.
- (ix) She had been shopping for eight hours.

3. Change the following into interrogative form.

- (i) The boys had been flying kites since 4 O'clock.
- (ii) The family had been living in a council house for many years.
- (iii) He had been looking for a job since last year.
- (iv) She had been sleeping since evening.
- (v) We had been traveling by train across Europe.

- (vi) The gardener had been watering plants for two hours.
- (vii) We had been solving these sums for an hour.

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